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Rao Bahadur CRUZ FERNANDEZ :—“ Will the Government be pleased to call for the information asked for in clause (b) of the question ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ I understand the hon. Member to ask whether the Government will call for information as to whether vernacular copies of the rules have ceased to be published in the district gazette. I have no objection to call for the information.”

Survey.

Town surveyors in municipalities.

* 17 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what arrangements have been made by the Government to supervise the work of the town surveyors in municipalities consequent on the abolition of the posts of land records inspecting officers ?

A.—Provision will be made in the Budget for 1925-26 for officers to perform these as well as other necessary duties connected with maintenance of survey.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Dindigul Municipal Council.

* 18 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the strong public feeling against the action of the Government in withdrawing the right of electing its chairman from the Dindigul Municipal Council ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to reconsider the matter and, if not, why not ?

A.—(a) The Government are aware that in certain quarters there is a certain amount of feeling against the withdrawal of the elective privilege.

(b) The Government will be prepared to restore the elective privilege to the Council as soon as they are satisfied that its affairs are put in order.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I ask whether anything has happened since the answer to the question was drafted ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Nothing has happened.”

The proposal of the Salem Municipal Council for the construction of a park.

* 19 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal now by the Salem Municipal Council to acquire the houses of the depressed classes who are living at Mulluvadi municipal area for the purpose of making a park ;

(b) whether it is a fact that no arrangements were made to provide the depressed classes with houses on sanitary principle within the municipal area in a suitable locality together with school, latrines, water, play-ground and other facilities before actually evicting the depressed classes ;

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(c) whether the Government are aware that a mahazar was submitted by the members of the depressed classes on 27th November 1924 to the District Collector, Salem, praying not to give effect to the resolution of the Salem Municipal Council with reference to eviction of the depressed classes from their present locality;

(d) whether there are not several vacant sites within the municipal area to fulfil the object of opening a park;

(e) whether the present Chairman of the Municipal Council, Salem, has got a plot of ground very near to the locality of the depressed classes at Mulluvadi;

(f) whether the proposal to acquire the houses of the depressed classes was made by the Chairman or by any of the municipal councillors; and

(g) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (f), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) to (f) The Government have no information. A report has been called for.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know, with reference to clause (g), whether the report said to have been called for has already been received; if so, whether the same will be placed on the table of this House? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ The report has not yet been received.”

Sinking of a well for the depressed classes in Ellipalli village.

* 20 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) with reference to the answer to the supplementary question to clause (b) of question No. 605 put at the meeting of the 10th October 1924 regarding the sinking of a well for the depressed classes in Ellipalli village, whether the Government have already inquired into the matter; and

(b) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay a copy of the result of their inquiry on the Council table?

A.—(a) & (b) The resolution of the Legislative Council referred to in the supplementary question was communicated to all local bodies for information and guidance in G.O. No. 2660, L. & M., dated 25th September 1924. No further action was considered necessary.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know whether the Government are aware that the Government Order has simply been recorded without any effect being given to it? Also I want to know whether the Government will be pleased to make inquiries as to how many local bodies have already given effect to the Government Order and how many did not give effect to it.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ It is a matter for the consideration of the local bodies.”

Medical.

Fees levied on out-patients for treatment in hospitals.

* 21 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether G.O. Mis. No. 1454, P.H., of 1st November 1921 is still in force;